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# Nadia Under Siege

by Steven Saint

It was Super Bowl Sunday, 1997, almost exactly one year ago, Beth Santangelo, Valhalla High School's recently retired librarian, probably couldn't tell you which teams were playing, but she was looking for a way to get out of the house and avoid the game.

She and a friend, Emerald Middle School English teacher Janice MacGurn, decided to go find Nadia Davies.

Davies, just elected to the Grossmont Union High School District Governing Board in November, is not an easy person to find.

Nadia will be the first to describe her and her husband's patterns of habitation as "complex," stating in a recent court document that "our home is less a home in the conventional sense, and more a place to sleep, to depart from, and return to, rather than a place where long hours are spent tending to homemaking activities."

Santangelo and MacGurn decided to go out to Lake Murray Boulevard, to a modest duplex where Nadia and Tom Davies were registered to vote and where Nadia had claimed to live during the summer months preceding her election.

They approached the unit only to find a Super Bowl party in full swing. MacGurn says they greeted the two young men standing outside and identified themselves as "private citizens" interested in how people felt about the proposed stadium expansion.

The guys said they were students at San Diego State University and the unit's sole residents. They invited the women to join the festivities inside.

The women didn't see either of the Davies and quickly left.

"It was a dump," Santangelo says, "not the kind of place Nadia

Davies would park her gold Mercedes."

Of course, Santangelo and MacGurn didn't really think they would find Nadia. Having backed incumbent Ada Reep's unsuccessful bid for re-election, they had long suspected Davies of carpetbagging: finding a place to hang her voter registration during the school board campaign while actually living outside the district in Del Cerro.

When they returned to get a signed statement from the inhabitants of the Lake Murray duplex, they received a completely different reception. On this subsequent Saturday morning, a man named Michael Paslay came to the door, called them liars and literally ran them off the property.

Santangelo had knocked on the door of a bizarre world, in which every event has a double reality. Nadia Davies swears she lived at the duplex. The neighbor in the adjoining unit swears she didn't. Davies describes herself as a whistleblower facing constant harassment from mentally unstable administrators and power-hungry unions. Her detractors describe her as mentally unstable and hungry for revenge.

Everyone agrees she has shaken up the Grossmont district, for better or worse. In the year since the 1997 Super Bowl, Nadia Davies came under siege from at least three different quarters. The district attorney investigated her for possible election fraud, the teacher's union has asked for a judge to rule on her residency at the time of the election, and this week, an organization of teachers and parents submitted close to 29,000 signatures in an effort to recall her.

Davies remains mystified about what people have against her.



"I have to be bad for a reason," she said. "What is the reason? They give me no reason."

Santangelo and MacGurn were shook up. They had been playing private investigators, but hadn't expected such a hostile encounter. The decided to go to the district attorney.

"We believed Nadia was illegally elected and her intent is the destruction of the district," Santangelo said. "We have since been advised that in politics, residency laws are violated more than they are practiced."

California election laws preclude carpetbagging. The Election Code states that people must register to vote where they actually live, and candidates and officeholders must live in the district

they seek to govern. While a person may have several "residences," he or she has only one "domicile."

Residences are temporary habitations — be they college dormitories or military bases — where a person may reside but does not intend to live permanently. The domicile is the place where a person's "habitation is fixed," where he or she intends to remain and where he or she intends to return after an absence.

Even though the voter registration card asks for a "residence" address, people are supposed to register to vote at their domiciles, said county Registrar of Voters Mikel Haas in an interview just prior to the 1996 election.

"If a candidate is not physically there, has never lived there or established a presence there, has no intention of living there, her

voter registration may be fraudulent," he said. "That would probably be something the district attorney would want to look at."

On Feb. 1, just days after the Super Bowl, Santangelo sent a letter to District Attorney Paul Pfingst requesting an investigation of Nadia Davies' residency at the time of the November election. Co-signers included Janice and Bruce MacGurn, Grossmont Education Association President Linda Pierce and California School Employees Association spokeswoman Loretta Purdy.

Deputy District Attorney Sally Williams had quite a trail to follow. The Davies have had five different registration addresses since 1990. Nadia was registered to vote for a decade at the Del Cerro Heights home they purchased in 1980. In 1990, Tom ran

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# M is for Mayor

Personal comments of Mayor Mary Sessom

## Gasoline 'divorcement' law before council

I recently returned from a trip to spend Christmas with my family in Austin, Texas. We bit the bullet and drove the 2,300 miles in our van. Our travel budget included a significant amount for gas. What we didn't know was how little that significant amount would be. Once we left San Diego County, gas prices fell dramatically. In Tucson, Ariz. (our first stop for gasoline) we paid \$1.24 a gallon for 87 octane. At our final destination in Austin, we paid 96 cents a gallon.

I understand that gasoline is cheaper in Texas because it is produced and refined there. However, how does this explain the price for gas at a Stuckey's (No, I didn't buy any pecan logs.) in "Nowhere" New Mexico? A gallon there cost \$1.15. Gasoline prices right off Interstate 10 in downtown El Paso hung in there at \$1.21 a gallon. Closer to home, we have all heard the stories about gas in Big Bear being cheaper than here in San Diego.

Does this mean that we should definitely jump on the gasoline divorcement bandwagon? Maybe yes - maybe no! Myself and Councilmember Lake were lobbied heavily by ARCO representatives to oppose any ordinance dealing with divorcement. But then, the oil companies have a vested interest in opposing such an ordinance. On the other hand, how trustworthy are independent owners who refuse to give their names and insist on testifying from behind a screen. How do we know these individuals don't have an axe to grind with the oil companies?

What we must do is set aside our emotions and look at the facts that are being presented to us by both sides of the controversy. Somewhere in those "facts" is the truth about what is really happening with our gasoline prices and what is the best way to address this situation. Getting to the truth is difficult. I have seen all sorts of complicated graphs and statistics from the oil companies, but little from the other side except for rhetoric. Oil companies, after all, are easy to hate. The proponents of divorcement owe us more than just nameless tirades if they want our support - they owe us honest information.

The Lemon Grove City Council will be discussing our position on a divorcement ordinance in the very near future. It will be agendized when factual information from both sides has been collected. This Council does not like to be bullied or cajoled into taking a position that affects our citizens. We look to facts when making our decisions. We also do not blindly follow the lead of the county or other cities.

I do not know if divorcement is the best answer to our gasoline price situation. But this discussion has been beneficial in two ways. First, it has showed the oil companies that if they are in any way manipulating the market, the consumers are ready to put a stop to it. It has also showed the consumers that we have some control over these forces in our lives if we stop shopping for convenience (the gas station on our way to work) and start shopping for price (the cheapest gas down the road a bit). Please follow this issue in the media and keep in touch with City Hall so you can give us your thoughts at the Council meeting where we discuss a divorcement ordinance.

## WEATHER

The following information was provided by the National Weather Service.

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Jan.	12	66	51
Jan.	13	65	53
Jan.	14	65	48
Jan.	15	62	50
Jan.	16	69	57
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## Upcoming Events

### Society to meet at historic home

The Lemon Grove Historical Society will hold its monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 5 at the historic Hunt House, the tiled ranch house on Costa Bella Drive, that is packed with painting, artifacts and memorabilia, and commands a breathtaking view of San Diego County. Mary Speaker, international realtor and owner of the home, will lead a tour of the interior. Refreshments will be served.

Costa Bella Drive, and its hilltop environs off High Street, since annexed to La Mesa, were formerly part of Lemon Grove during its heyday as a center of the citrus industry.

Those wishing to carpool should meet at the Lemon Grove Library, 8073 Broadway, for transport to the site. Prospective members are welcome to attend. For more information, call 462-6494.

### 'Kruisin' Kritters' to visit Lemon Grove library

"Kruisin' Kritters," a free hands-on animal education show, will be appearing from 4 - 5 p.m. on Jan. 29 at the Lemon Grove Branch Library, located at 8073 Broadway. The show features such animals as cats, dogs, iguanas, birds, and snakes which have been rescued from abuse and neglect.

According to "Kruisin' Kritters" founder Sue Miller, "Our goal is to help prevent animal abuse and to promote proper care of pets." For more information, contact the Lemon Grove Branch Library at (619)-463-9819 or Ellen Zyroff at (619)-694-2484.

### Concert association to hold benefit luncheon

The Women's Committee of the Grossmont Community Concert Association will conduct a card luncheon to benefit their music scholarship program.

The luncheon will take place at 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 29 at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 4816 Glen St. in La Mesa.

The cost is \$10 per person. Reservations may be made by sending a check payable to the Women's Committee GCCA, c/o Anita Reith, 10080 Fuerte Dr., La Mesa 91941-4318; or by calling 444-0600.

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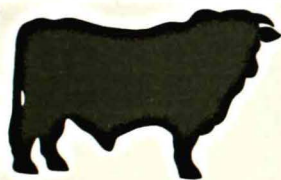
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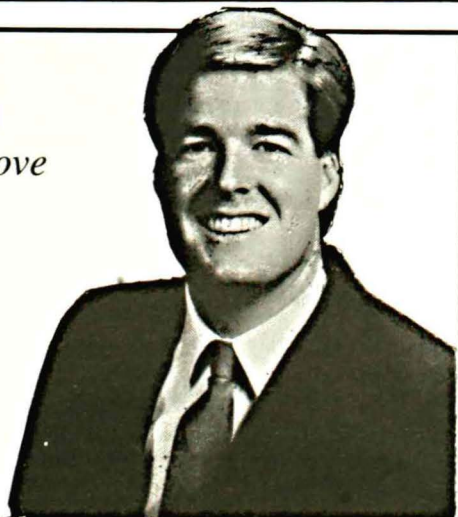
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## Commentary

by Bob Burns

### This is the last straw

The last straw? Well, this is it. Barring the public from public meetings is unconstitutional, if not criminal. The very people who pay for the operation of our public school systems are being locked out of meetings which are purported to be concerned with the expenditure of their money and more importantly, the education of their children. Police style guards are preventing all but a few from attending the Grossmont High School District Board meetings. A few "lottery" tickets are issued to keep the audience of the meetings to a low enough level that they may be controlled by the board majority of LaChapelle, Davies, and Olsen. Moving to a smaller room was a most definite touch to assure this end.

As far as I know, the Brown Act is surely being violated, and the concept of fair representation and exposure of public affairs is certainly being abused. We were always told, by counsel, that even the suspicion of hiding or misleading information from all of the public, was a violation, even if it was not in legal interpretation. The Grossmont School Board is arrogantly defying the very people who pay their salaries and provide the money for their use in behalf of the children of the district. Politically, I would think it is absolute suicide, and have not a clue as to why they are doing it. They say that power corrupts, and this must be the case here, but how anyone can perceive that such actions are beneficial to anyone, is beyond my simple understanding.

Recalls are expensive, hard work for many activist volunteers, and certainly divisive of a community. Choosing up sides, where we should all be working together to solve difficult problems, is wasteful and invidious. Regular elections cost a lot, and special elections cost a whole lot more. It seems to me that if we would be more attentive in regular

ballot measures, and candidates, the second guessing of recalls would be less likely. If candidates would be truthful about their intentions and abilities, we could make better choices. If the special interests did not snow us with specious and outright falsehoods, we would not have to vote something or someone in before we become aware of the true effects of that choice.

I am convinced that power struggles and personal agendas are the sole machinery that drives the Grossmont Board's actions. I signed the recall petition of Ms Davies and refused to ink that of June Mott. I have known June many years and firmly believe her to be a truly altruistic public servant. From what I read and hear of The Chapelle, Davies, and (absentee?) Olsen, I must presume otherwise. What has been occurring in the Grossmont District has been certainly less than attendance to duty with regards to running a proper school system.

God knows that I have seen many such politicians in my day, that made grandiose promises, and once elected became Mr. or Ms. Hydes. Lying has become more of a snicker these days, not even a venial sin. Infidelity is a sitcom joke, and criminal activity a parlor game. I guess that we get what we deserve if we vote for them.

But, then there are so very many who do serve honorably and do not have the inner characters that we see on Seinfeld, Frazier, or Ellen. They are true public servants, and sad to say are not often elected because they eschew notoriety. But they are out there, and if we take the time to look deeply, we can find and appreciate them.

Initiatives and recalls will be a common practice as long as we are apathetic about choosing our public officials.

## PG Perspectives

by Phillip Giannangeli

PG's solutions

The Swedes want to buy reindeer from the Russians. The Russians are trying to broker an agreement with Saddam Hussein. Saddam Hussein accuses the U.S. of being real nasty to him. The U.S. wants to irradiate meat, including, I presume, any reindeer meat imported from Sweden. These are real problems, folks. Problems desperately seeking solutions.

I think all of these concerns could be easily addressed if the following were done: We mount a worldwide campaign to save the reindeer (A Rescue Rudolph crusade as it were). The Swedes then won't have to go to Russia to get their reindeer thus pushing the Russians further out of the orchestra pit of the world stage. We next tell the Russians to butt out of Iraq because they aren't the hot stuff they once were and our bassoon players are getting anxious for some playing time. Finally we irradiate Saddam because he continues to be infectious and is harmful to all people. Viola, all those tricky problems solved.

Tell me, why can't the State Department see such obvious solutions to these complex problems? I'd be more than willing to share these and other ideas with them, but they haven't called me yet. I'm wondering: what the heck are they waiting for?

Nonetheless, I've decided that since they seem to be having difficulty reaching me, I'll go public with my advice and they can just pretend they thought of it themselves. That way they won't be embarrassed and can get going, cleaning up these messes. And while I'm at it, here are some other very obvious solutions to international problems.

The Chinese can't seem to get the human rights thing right. I suggest we send them the most recognized human rights advocate we have in our congress to show them the way. We will send Jesse Helms for an extended visit. Jesse can tell them his vision of the dignity of man and which rights he values. We'll let the Chinese know that Jesse will stay there until some fundamental changes are made. I think the Chinese, after having Jesse around for a time, might be willing to change some of their practices if it means sending him home quicker. It's hardball, but what else that we've tried has been effective?

What to do about the Middle East? I'll tell you what we should do. Pay for a haircut and shave for Arafat. Provide King Hussein with lifts for his shoes so he won't always be looking up. Tell Netanyahu to quit being so enamored with his own voice and start talking to people and not at them. Buy new chairs for the photos ops with Assad of Syria. That way they won't all look like munchkins in the land of giant furniture. And finally (and not soon enough I must add), tell the leaders of Kuwait they can take a hike next time they feel threatened by their now good friend Iraq. These suggestions might not solve all the problems in the Middle East, but it would sure make the viewing easier.

There are other global problems too. It would take thousands of words to lay out the solution scenario for each, so I'll just give mini versions of what needs to be done.

Disarm every man, woman, and child in Africa. That's goes for AK 47's to machetes. Provide the people with farm equipment to feed themselves and computers to prepare them for the future. First person to spout nationalism or tribal superiority gets shipped off to Bosnia.

Send the killers of Northern Ireland and those of Sarajevo to Sicily. Tell the mafia that these two groups are agents of the U.S. Justice Department and out to get them. Let all these likable folks have at each other for a while and see if the world doesn't turn out to be a better place for their efforts.

Flood the European Common Market with Susan B. Anthony dollars. This would really upset the French. And isn't that a good idea on its surface alone?

I could go on and on but I just got a call from UN Headquarters in Kansas City. It seems some wise folks there are interested in my ideas. At last.

### Reel Thoughts

## 'Titanic' not only great new film out

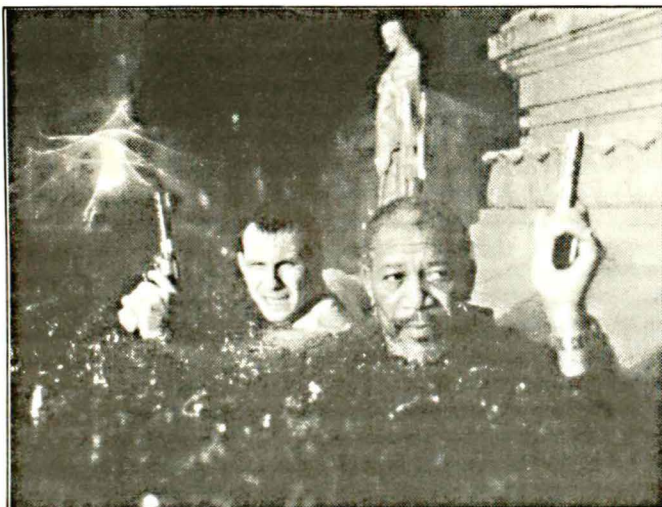
by Betty Jo Tucker

Believe it or not, films other than "Titanic" are showing at movie theaters this month. Watery special-effects and action aplenty fill "Hard Rain," a generally exciting robbery/disaster movie starring Morgan Freeman, Christian Slater, Randy Quaid and Minnie Driver. And Denzel Washington fights evil incarnate in a new supernatural thriller called "Fallen," while Emma Thompson struggles with emotions deeper than the record snow in "The Winter Guest."

For the child in all of us, "Star Kid" provides a fun ride inside a high-tech cyber-suit that comes to life with the help of Joseph Mazzello from "Jurassic Park." Last, but not least, "Kundun" offers a breath-taking, if too-lengthy, look at the life and times of Tibet's Dalai Lama.

Alas, these films may be overlooked by a moviegoing public obsessed with watching the Titanic sink over and over again. One of my own granddaughters has seen this movie five times! And she is not alone. Repeat admissions everywhere are helping director James Cameron make back the \$200 million spent on this most expensive film of all time. "Titanic" has already earned an amazing \$197 million in just four weeks.

Why is this film so popular? I realize that teen-age girls are fascinated with its leading man,



Tom (Christian Slater, left) and Jim (Morgan Freeman, right) hide behind gravestones to avoid the sheriff's searchlight in the high-action crime thriller "Hard Rain," a Paramount Pictures presentation in association with Mutual Film Company.

Leonardo DiCaprio — a fascination that escapes me. But, hey, I never understood Troy Donahue's appeal either.

Perhaps people feel they must see the world's costliest movie. If so, why see it more than once? Could the answer simply be that "Titanic" is a great movie? Many critics say so. Disturbing little details keep me from making that claim, in spite of my admiration for the film's savvy technology.

For example, the sight of lovely Kate Winslet running around a sinking ship in her fabulous evening gown, while everyone else wears life jackets, distracts me

completely from the story on screen. But when I whisper my concerns to my husband, he snaps back, "Don't be silly! How could she look drop-dead gorgeous in those ugly things?" So much for cinematic realism.

I also have trouble believing that a 100-year old woman would walk barefoot in pools of water on a ship's deck, let alone climb up on the rail and drop a valuable necklace overboard. Oh, well, it's only a movie.

And so I fear the mystery of "Titanic's" success will continue to exercise my mind, unless you, dear readers, can solve it for me.

*Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter.*  
— Thomas Jefferson, 1787

## the BEST of EAST COUNTY



The "Best of East County" [January 8 issue] was an off-the-cuff selection of almost anything by the staff of Forum Publications. It was not a formal survey or statistical analysis. The "best of" had to exist within the experiences of Forum writers. Even so, some members of the community have responded with surprise that they were not included. So, here they are:

**Omelette Factory** in Santee would like to be included as the best breakfast place in East County. This nomination has been seconded by our distributor and Channel 8's unknown eater.

**Country Choice** in Spring Valley would also like to be nominated as best breakfast/lunch place in East County.

**Mr. E's Deli** in Spring Valley would like to have seen a complete issue of the *Spring Valley Bulletin* dedicated to the best of Spring Valley.

**The Outback Steakhouse** in El Cajon would like to be included in the best steak category.

If we aren't busy enough, it looks like Forum writers need to eat out more often and more places.

The "Best of East County" was meant to help us take a moment to laugh at life's frustrating moments, to nod at common experience and most important, to thank you, the community, for your support.



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Occasionally, there is a business that provides many services and it becomes difficult to describe each singular service adequately. One such business is J. H. SPRATLEY ROOFING CO., located to serve our readers from Lemon Grove to Spring Valley, phone 462-1120.

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These courteous people really want and appreciate your business. It's all a part of their good neighbor policy to work extra hard to earn your confidence, now and in the future. And it shows whenever you call or visit HARRY'S UNION SERVICE.



## WHO'S WHO of Outstanding Businesses

Sharpen your pencil and make note of some of this area's most successful companies. The business men and women who we proudly present in the WHO'S WHO come from a multitude of different backgrounds and experiences. But they all share one common trait and that is to provide you with the very best in courteous, friendly and enthusiastic service. Thank you for keeping and using this guide with your new phone book.

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In times that are ever changing to a faster and faster pace, it's refreshing to know that there are people around who still preserve the old proven traditions. CHUCK MILLER INSURANCE SERVICE is one of those companies that we are always proud to mention and write about. When you do business with CHUCK MILLER INSURANCE SERVICE, you're dealing with the same friendly, courteous people who have served our readers for a long, long time.

They are located at 9410 Jamacha Blvd., Suite A in Spring Valley, phone 469-4418, and they are known for offering insurance for home, life, health, autos, motorcycles, RVs, business and much more.

At CHUCK MILLER INSURANCE SERVICE, they try their best to be sensitive to your needs and believe in the old-fashioned notion that you, the client, always come first. So get to know these folks and take a peek at what they have to offer. For any question regarding your insurance needs, phone 469-4418.

## A D A MORTUARY SERVICES INC.

We would like to speak to our readers about a firm that has long been in the forefront of community involvement and support.

A D A MORTUARY SERVICES INC. is located at 3444 Citrus in Lemon Grove, phone 466-6333, and they have been serving the needs of families throughout the Lemon Grove area for years. Understanding counselors will take care of everything for you. They are here to help families who need their loved ones transported "back home" for funeral services, or for families considering cremation services.

They have moved forward since their beginning, focusing on the families of the community. Their commitment is reassuring. The people at A D A MORTUARY SERVICES INC. genuinely care about helping you. For any information on their services, phone 466-6333.

## PIZZA JUNCTION

Hey! Pizza lovers! If you haven't tried the PIZZA JUNCTION's famous pizza...then you just don't know what you're missing in taste and mouthwatering goodness!

Located at 2615 Sweetwater Springs Blvd. in Spring Valley, phone 670-4070, this fine shop uses ONLY their specially prepared dough to make their crust, and the sauce is ladled on extra thick. The pizza is piled high with cheese and topped with your choice of scrumptious ingredients. Why don't you call this evening for an outstanding pizza and your favorite beverage?

Local delivery is available, phone 670-4070. Ham, mushrooms, peppers, beef, bacon, pepperoni, sausage, cheese and many other delicious varieties are featured, and you can "custom design" your pizza to your particular taste.

May all the seasons of the New Year be good to you in 1998. Try the PIZZA JUNCTION's pizza...you'll never settle for less again!

## SPRING VALLEY INSULATION

When you're ready to purchase insulation, it's easy to get the idea that you have to pay a king's ransom for the features and quality you demand. This is simply a myth. And SPRING VALLEY INSULATION defies it.

SPRING VALLEY INSULATION is located at 3151 Bancroft Dr. in Spring Valley, phone 463-0266, and they are so favorably known for being able to completely insulate YOUR home or business so that your fuel consumption will be greatly reduced, as will your use of electricity for air conditioning! You might call them "the energy savers!" With the cost of heating fuel going up and the need to cut down the use of electrical energy, it makes good sense to save heat in the winter and conserve air conditioning costs in the summer. This reliable firm features a whole variety of insulating ideas for the conservation-conscious homeowner or businessperson.

If attention to detail and personal courtesy are old fashioned values, then SPRING VALLEY INSULATION is indeed an old fashioned company. Just call 463-0266 for further information.

## ED HANSON'S MUFFLER SERVICE

Finding a muffler company is relatively easy. But finding a muffler company that you can totally trust is something else.

ED HANSON'S MUFFLER SERVICE, located at 3916 N. Barcelona St. in Spring Valley, phone 698-7030, has been building their excellent reputation for many years. They are known for offering professional muffler service, as well as performance exhaust, street legal headers and catalytic converters for your car, truck and motor home, both foreign and domestic. As the New Year gets underway, the people here wish you a happy and healthy 1998.

Talk with the people at ED HANSON'S MUFFLER SERVICE and you'll soon discover why their advice in this particular field is sought after and so highly respected. It's a pleasure to work with a company that has worked hard to earn the complete trust and confidence of so many friends and customers. This company appreciates all their customers from this area and they hope you'll continue to remember them in the future.

## RE-NU AUTO BODY

With many good body shops to choose from, how do you find the one that's right for you?

The professionals in this area to see are at RE-NU AUTO BODY, located at 9305 Jamacha Blvd. in Spring Valley, phone 479-3296.

The personnel at this firm fully understand body and fender work as well as quality auto painting. When you need the best of the best when it comes to base coat - clear coat painting or custom work in metal or fiberglass, as well as expert color matching, RE-NU AUTO BODY will fix it...and fix it right! They have gained a reputation second to none throughout this entire area. So whether your job is a small dent or a serious accident, we know you will be entirely satisfied with all their work.

And, please remember that insurance companies now permit you to choose the body shop you like best to repair your car, so choose them to do all your insurance work.

RE-NU AUTO BODY is proud to be part of the Spring Valley community and they wish you much, much success in 1998.

## BIG O TIRES

BIG O TIRES has long known the formula for success. And it's not a complicated or secret recipe.

BIG O TIRES, located at 6994 Broadway in Lemon Grove, has always looked extra long and hard to find the very best people who are then carefully and thoroughly trained to help give you the good service you deserve. And when you combine quality people with exceptional products and prices, no one can ask more from a company. BIG O TIRES specializes in brand name tires for every passenger car, truck, sports car, trailer, recreational vehicle, and all types of farm and industrial equipment.

BIG O TIRES is very pleased to be able to take this opportunity in wishing everyone the very best during the New Year and to thank you for your patronage in 1997. Simply said, these people appreciate your confidence year after year and they want you to know that they will continue to work extra hard in order to grow and serve you better. Your questions are welcomed when you call 463-9883.

## CARPET STOP

Since 1985

From the moment you step into CARPET STOP, you KNOW you're dealing with a retailer who really knows how to treat a customer right! The courteous personnel, the selection, the fantastic values throughout the store and a host of other features make this one of the area's foremost carpet store!

Located at 8622 Troy St. (behind Fisher's Gym) in Spring Valley, phone 698-1800, this is one store where the customer always comes first! Here they specialize in mill pull ups. With these carpets you can save important money and still get the quality you want, because you only pay from \$2 a yard to \$10 a yard. Used carpets, tile, used pads and more are also featured here. Professional cleaning and repairs is another specialty.

Shop this well-known store. You'll save money and you'll really enjoy the courtesy and consideration that's cheerfully extended to everyone who walks in.

## K & S AUTO SALES

If you're looking for quality transportation at an affordable price, see K & S AUTO SALES, located at 1261 Presioca in Spring Valley, phone 469-8651, or fax 469-8483. They are specialists in the popular Toyota 4 Runner and sports utility vehicles. They will help find the right vehicle for you without doing terminal damage to your wallet.

Month after month, K & S AUTO SALES has a great selection of clean, reconditioned foreign and domestic autos on hand. There's a good chance they'll have just what you're looking for. And if you think their well-conditioned vehicles look too good to be true...look again. Visit them soon and see just what kind of quality your dollar will buy.

You'll appreciate the kind of experience and quality products this reliable firm has to offer. They simply have too many satisfied customers not to be considered among the very best. Here, they know their business just wouldn't be the same without you.

## AUTOMOTIVE

### WHOLESALE PARTS

In sports, it takes a very special team to be the best. You need to call the right plays...have the finest talent...and you need to play the game harder and better than anyone!

Well at AUTOMOTIVE WHOLESALE PARTS, located at 9744 Campo Rd. in Spring Valley, phone 589-2300, they have a very special team that will take care of you with the reliance and skill of a champion. At AUTOMOTIVE WHOLESALE PARTS, you will find parts for your car, truck, van and RV, both foreign and domestic. Helpful advice is always featured here too.

The people here in Spring Valley not only call the right plays...but they also pride themselves in offering you expert team players who treat all of their customers like champions. These folks have long appreciated your business and they assure you that they will always try to give you the best possible service whenever you call on them. These are good people to have on your team. Give them a try.

## PALOMAR CLEANERS

A great place to have ALL of your cleaning done is PALOMAR CLEANERS at 7870 Broadway in Lemon Grove, phone 466-4145. This well-known cleaner specializes in expert dry cleaning of most all materials and they can handle the really tough jobs with ease.

Regardless of what your cleaning requirements are...this is one firm which can take care of it. From draperies to down-filled clothing...from suits to shirts...from wedding dress cleaning to preservation...they can clean it! They are very careful to avoid fading or other damage to the quality of your garments. Your clothes will return looking clean, crisp and like new when they've been cleaned professionally by PALOMAR CLEANERS! They also offer on-site alterations.



## DAVE'S FEED STOP

We would like to point out that DAVE'S FEED STOP is a company that always has time for you. You don't have to be a special customer or a big spender to get the time and attention you need.

DAVE'S FEED STOP is situated at 3655 Costa Bella St. in Lemon Grove, phone 462-3434, and is best known for quality feeds, vet and pet supplies and much, much more. They carry such well-known brands as PURINA, SCIENCE DIET, IAMS, NUTRO and many others. They also offer free delivery on minimum orders. They carry quality adult western clothing.

Here they treat everyone with personal service and genuine care and concern. That's how they'd like to be treated, so they make extra sure you're treated in the same courteous way.

Thanks for remembering them and they wish you and yours every success in the coming New Year. The folks at DAVE'S FEED STOP will always have time for you. Get to know them real soon.

## BROADWAY AUTO MACHINE

For a business to grow successfully, you need a lot of good, loyal customers. Customers who you know. Customers who believe in you and what you're doing.

We would like to bring to your attention the name of BROADWAY AUTO MACHINE, located at 7553 Broadway in Lemon Grove, phone 697-4094. This is a local company where you deal directly with knowledgeable people face to face. This company specializes in the repair and fabrication of auto and general machine work, custom engine rebuilding, flywheel, grinding and many other vital services. And their work is geared to meet your production schedule.

Everyone at BROADWAY AUTO MACHINE thanks you for your past visits and looks forward to seeing you in 1998. You're going to enjoy working with the people here. You'll soon see why their customers think the world of them.



The drive into Lemon Grove is such a familiar trip to the families from the outlying communities. Take a little time out and read about some of Lemon Grove's most trusted and well-liked businesses. Not only will you find some of the best prices and personal service, but it's doubtful you'll find a more delightful community or nicer people to work with...anywhere.

Enjoy getting to know a few of these exceptional and proud names.

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## COLLEGE GROVE TRANSMISSIONS & CLUTCHES

"Working Hard Everyday to Earn Your Trust"

COLLEGE GROVE TRANSMISSIONS & CLUTCHES, at 6998 Broadway (Broadway exit off 94) in Lemon Grove, phone 464-6200, has become an important part of the community. They specialize in transmission driveline rebuilding and general automotive repair. They also offer complete computer diagnostic service to help save you both time and money. They are known for offering hometown service with a nationwide warranty with ATRA, "the sign of quality." They are also proud to be an A+ rated company by the Government Consumer Agency.

This company has been doing business with the people of this area for some time, and over that period, they have established themselves as one of the leading firms in their field. No amount of effort is spared to give you the most careful service.

The manager of this company has had long experience in this business and is thoroughly competent in every respect. Their advice in matters pertaining to this trade is sought after and respected.

## LEMON GROVE RADIATOR

A Division of Serck Services Inc.

Most automobiles depend on the uniform function of many complex and intricate parts and systems. One of the most important areas of your vehicle is the cooling system and in the Lemon Grove area, most knowledgeable motorists, as well as mechanics, trust their cooling system repairs and maintenance to LEMON GROVE RADIATOR at 7324 Broadway in Lemon Grove, phone 469-4177.

This radiator specialist can handle most any repair that your auto's cooling system may need, and be sure to take your car or truck to them at least once a year for a complete cooling system inspection and cleaning.

They can also serve your heavy duty equipment needs. Let LEMON GROVE RADIATOR take care of ALL your car, truck and heavy duty equipment radiator problems!

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The Lemon Grove Review"

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

#### NAME STATEMENT

Assigned File No 97032682

The Name of the Business:

NUTRITION TO EXTREME

located at: 1835 E. Main St., #125

in: El Cajon, CA 92021 is hereby

registered by the following owner:

THOMAS ENGLISH

1835 E. MAIN ST., #125

EL CAJON, CA 92021

This business is conducted by:

an Individual

The transaction of business

began on: 12-17-97

Signature of Registrant:

THOMAS ENGLISH

This statement was filed with Gregory J. Smith the Recorder/County

Clerk of San Diego County on

DEC 23, 1997

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S.

No. 97-24606-01V LOAN NO.

12398566 On 1/29/98 at 10:00 AM,

GE Capital Mortgage Trust Deed

Services, Inc. as Trustee or Successor

Trustee or Substituted Trustee, of

that certain Deed of Trust executed

by BARRY EDWARD WARREN and

KATHLEEN K. WARREN, Husband and

Wife as joint tenants and recorded 8/31/94 as

instrument no. 1994-0523575

Official Records of SAN DIEGO

County, California, and pursuant to

that certain Notice of Default and

Election to Sell thereunder recorded

8/29/97 as instrument no. 1997-

421007, of Official Records of said

County, will under and pursuant to

said Deed of Trust sell at public

auction for cash, lawful money of

the United States of America, AT

THE SOUTH ENTRANCE TO THE

COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 220

WEST BROADWAY, SAN DIEGO,

CALIFORNIA, all that right, title and

interest conveyed to and now held

by it under said Deed of Trust in the

property situated in said County and

State, Assessor's Parcel No. 576-

261-22-00 The street address or

other common designation of said

property 1616 PRIMERA STREET

LEMON GROVE, CA 91945 Name

and address of the beneficiary at

whose request the sale is being

### UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO

#### PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT

MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE.

IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION

OF THE NATURE OF THE PRO-

CEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU

SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER

DATED December 02, 1997 GE

Capital Mortgage Trust Deed Ser-

vices, Inc. as trustee Sharon L.

Barrios, Assistant Secretary For

information about the status of this

trustee's sale call (616) 387-7728

For information about purchasing

this property AFTER FORECLOS-

SURE, contact The Local Federal

Housing Authority or Veterans

Administration Office ASAP295725

1/8, 1/15, 1/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

#### NAME STATEMENT

Assigned File No 98000284

The Name of the Business:

1ST CYBER COMMUNICATION

located at: 6790 Top Gun Street,

Ste. 1 in San Diego, CA 92121 is

hereby registered by the following

owners:

DAVID ANTHONY FERRELL

4878 ORCHARD AVE.

SAN DIEGO, CA 92107

RICK LONG

6790 TOP GUN ST., STE. 1

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

DALE W. LONG

14596 RANCH TRAIL DR.

EL CAJON, CA 92021

M. JUNE LONG

14596 RANCH TRAIL DR.

EL CAJON, CA 92021

This business is conducted by:

a General Partnership

The transaction of business

began on: Not applicable

Signature of Registrant:

JUNE LONG

This statement was filed with Gregory J. Smith the Recorder/County

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Grossmont Union High

School District will receive bids

for purchase of

DIPLOMAS AND CASES FOR

THE 1997-98 SCHOOL YEAR

Each bid shall be submitted on a

form obtained at the Purchasing

Department of said District, located

at 1100 Murray Drive, El

Cajon, CA 92020-5664 (mailing

address: P.O. Box 1043, La Mesa,

CA 91944-1043), shall be sealed

and filed in said Purchasing

Department on or before 2 p.m. on

February 2, 1998

and will be publicly opened and

read aloud at that time and place.

The contract will be awarded to

the lowest responsive, responsible

bidder meeting specifications. The

Grossmont Union High School

District reserves the right to reject

any or all bids, to accept or reject

any one or more items of a bid or

to waive any irregularities or

informalities in the bids or in the

bidding.

No bidder may withdraw his bid

for a period of thirty (30) days

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for the Grossmont board claiming a different address, on Baltimore Drive inside the district lines.

In 1991, almost a year after Tom was elected, the couple registered to vote on Broadmoor Drive in La Mesa. In 1993, they registered on Dewane Drive in El Cajon.

In 1994, both Davies ran for school boards. Tom vacated his Grossmont seat and ran for the county board. Nadia ran for the San Diego Unified School District board. Tom maintained his voter registration in East County while Nadia registered again in Del Cerro Heights, where Tom registered after winning the county seat.

In July of 1996, she and Tom registered to vote back in East County, this time at the Lake Murray duplex. Two weeks later, Nadia pulled papers to run for the Grossmont board.

Nadia admits that the Lake Murray move was a temporary measure with political currency. Her 18-year-old goddaughter lived in the Grossmont district. Her stepfather, Michael Paslay, was called to Paso Robles to work for six months. Rather than let the goddaughter live alone, Nadia moved into the Lake Murray Drive residence.

"When I decided to run for the GUHSD School Board, we moved from our home to the address on Lake Murray Boulevard," Nadia states in a sworn declaration. "In early October, 1996, Mike Paslay anticipated returning to San Diego full time, having completed his job in Paso Robles, California, and that, as a result, we began looking for another residence."

The district attorney's office was being fed tips on a weekly basis from those sympathetic to the cause, including members of the teacher's union. In March, the Grossmont Education Association (GEA) went on to request that the Grossmont Governing Board, itself, investigate Davies' residency.

The issue of Nadia's residency before the election became clouded when the board agreed to look at her residency after the election. The Davies had just received confidential voter registrations from the court and did not want their post-Lake Murray address published.

The Davies told the judge Nadia had suffered surveillance, harassment and even death threats. She said one male made a threat to Davies' face prior to a board meeting. As he had threatened a public official, Davies alerted security but the man ran away before he could be identified. She has also received pornographic letters in efforts to upset her, which have been sent to the postal inspector.

The Grossmont board directed county counsel Ellen Michaels to verify Davies' residency, but not to keep copies of any records,

making sure that the documents could not be later released under the state Public Records Act.

The Davies brought Michaels an array of documents, but nothing as simple as a tax return or trash bill. They presented a grant deed for a condominium on Baltimore Drive, in the name of Alfonsina Q. Davies, Nadia's daughter. They also showed an SDG&E bill for the same condo with no name on it, a Pacific Bell bill with the name "Maria Bendayan," and an advertising flyer with an address label on it made out to Tom Davies at the Baltimore address.

Michaels noted the consistency of the address on the documents and Nadia's sworn statement that she lives in the district.

The school board voted 3-1 to accept Davies' residency (Nadia could not vote; June Mott voted no, requesting in vain to see the original documents.)

By coincidence, the Davies condo is across the street from where Linda Pierce of the GEA lives. She proceeded to chronicle her daily drives by the Davies' place, suspecting that they did not actually live there. The district attorney began to get tips regarding the Baltimore residency, including the story that Nadia had asked La Mesa postal officials to throw away mail addressed to the condominium.

But the district attorney's investigation was concerned with Davies' residency at the time of the election, and Pfingst decided in mid-July that they probably couldn't get a perjury conviction. Sally Williams' boss, Paul Morley, said vague laws and "conflicting evidence" brought the probe to a standstill.

"Problems with the language of the law was a consideration," Morley said. "Some of the evidence pointed one way and some the other way. It would take a lot of man-hours and months and we did not have a case that would be prosecutable."

Despite Morley's caution that the Davies' file is still open, supporters declared her vindicated. But the teacher's union had only begun to fight.

**L**inda Pierce tells the story of Nadia Davies' visit to Dick Hoy's U.S.

History class at Santana High School. In the middle of classwork, Hoy was visited by Davies. Trustee Kevin LaChapelle and Superintendent Thomas Godley.

Hoy, concerned about reports that Davies would routinely take up class time with spontaneous talks to students, nodded to the entourage but continued his instruction.

Pierce said that the trustees left, but then returned and asked to be introduced. Davies proceeded to recount her biography and views on district politics, and then dressed Hoy down in front of the students for his behavior.

"I think what made teachers angry was Nadia Davies' forays into the classrooms," Pierce said. "Things changed when she started going into classrooms and telling teachers they weren't good people in front of their kids."

GEA leaders were disappoint-

ed when the district attorney dropped the Davies question. By that time, attorney Ann Smith was researching the law, combing public records and had hired well-known San Diego private investigator Manny Lopez to interview witnesses.

Smith recommended that the union get a judge to hold a hearing regarding Davies' residency before the election. This civil action (as opposed to the DA's search for criminal activity) could only be granted by the state's attorney general, Dan Lungren.

Smith filed a request for such a hearing in mid-October, technically called a "notice of application to file complaint in *quo warranto*."

Included with the legal arguments and history of Davies' residency, the *quo warranto* filing has a sworn statement from Nancy Miner, the woman living next door to Mike Paslay in the Lake Murray duplex, and Manny Lopez' account of his March interview with Nadia's goddaughter, Samantha Henderson. Lopez also interviewed another Paslay housemate, Todd Mao.

Miner states that she lived in the duplex for 2 1/2 years, throughout the summer of 1996 and until a couple weeks after the election. She confirms that Paslay intended to be out of town one week and Samantha's godmother would be over to watch her while he was gone.

"I saw Ms. Davies or her Mercedes parked at the Paslay residence on a few occasions," Miner states. "I did not believe that she was a 'resident' of the Paslay household and I would not have introduced her to anyone at the time as 'my neighbor.' Although I saw Mr. Davies on approximately two occasions, I never observed him spend the night at the Paslay residence."

Miner states that Nadia did not return after Mao became a resident in October.

Lopez claims he interviewed the 18-year-old Henderson on the evening of March 17, 1997. He states she was vague about times and months, but that Nadia had been asked to watch over her due to past misconduct and Tom had "slept over a couple of nights."

The next day, Lopez states Todd Mao called him, claiming to be Henderson's roommate. He said he didn't know Nadia Davies and that she wasn't there when he moved in. Mao, Henderson and Paslay had further decided not to talk to anyone about Davies anymore.

Nadia Davies filed her response to the GEA *quo warranto* in mid-November. She opposes a hearing on the residency question, stating the request is politically motivated by a teacher's union that doesn't want to negotiate with a school board it doesn't control.

The Davies response includes Nadia's sworn statement as to her occupancy of the Lake Murray duplex and the various forms of harassment that followed her to Baltimore Drive.

Oddly, there is a sworn statement from Michael Paslay, who claims early on that he was in Paso Robles five or six days out of the week. There is no sworn statement from Samantha Henderson, Todd Mao or even



Volunteers gathered almost 29,000 signatures in an effort to put Nadia Davies back on the ballot.

Tom Davies, the people who would have been around Nadia day in and day out.

Paslay states that "to my knowledge," both Nadia and Tom Davies moved into his residence for the summer, up through November of 1996. He claims neighbor Nancy Miner was not home much after her son moved out in June.

His statement includes an alternate version of Super Bowl Sunday. In the Paslay version, Beth Santangelo and Janice MacGurn come to the door "in disguises (i.e. wigs, etc.)," posing as representatives of a survey company querying about the stadium expansion. When they return "about two months later," still in disguise, they confess that their real intent was snooping on Nadia. Paslay states he cut them off, called them liars and closed the door. He also said that he later recognized them at a Grossmont board meeting.

Both the teacher's union filing and the Davies response are now in the hands of Lungren's staff. They will review the material and give the attorney general an opinion regarding the holding of a hearing.

"I presume and trust they will make a decision on the merits of it," attorney Smith says. "But Dan Lungren will have to sign off on it."

**S**ome people don't believe Dan Lungren will give the *quo warranto* a fair chance. While Smith was preparing the paperwork, others were launching a recall.

On June 19, Ken Blalack said he saw Davies ally David Kidder collecting signatures for a recall campaign against June Mott and Michael Harrelson.

Blalack, a businessman who describes himself as a "Goldwater conservative," says he voted straight Republican until 1988. The nomination of Robert Bork to the Supreme Court and Pat Robertson's presidential aspirations start making him nervous about his party.

Since 1990, Blalack has been involved with political efforts to keep fundamentalists off school boards. But his Mainstream Education Alliance has nothing to do with religion. Citing student safety, mismanagement of district funds and a general sully of Grossmont's reputation, Blalack issued an ultimatum to the governing board majority on Sept.

18: resign or be recalled.

The group decided within a week that recalling Nadia Davies alone would solve their problems.

Davies was served with recall papers on Oct. 16, the day after the GEA filed the *quo warranto* with Sacramento. On her way to a board workshop, she was handed the intent to recall signed by 10 district parents, one from each of the high schools.

True to form, Davies says she doesn't regret a single vote she's made in her year on the board. Grossmont is too hard on expulsions, she said, evidenced by the fact that as much as 90 percent of the expulsion appeals before the county Board of Education come from the Grossmont District. The school district represents itself at the appeal, costing time and money for the Grossmont district.

"In the Grossmont District you were always guilty until proven innocent," said Davies, appalled that students in California Youth Authority prisons have more rights. "I think our kids should have at least as much due process as those in jail have."

Recall efforts are not generally successful, in that the high signature threshold for ballot status precludes most half-hearted efforts. The grassroots support from teachers and parents, however, has yielded 28,640 signatures, giving Blalack a 7,000-signature buffer as the registrar begins throwing out names who either aren't registered to vote or aren't registered in the Grossmont district.

Beth Santangelo went from knocking on duplex doors to gathering signatures, postponing post-retirement travel plans in order to stop Nadia Davies. She says her yellow "Recall Nadia Davies - Save Grossmont District" became her uniform for the holidays, attracting flocks of people interested in telling tales of the beleaguered trustee.

During La Mesa Old Fashioned Christmas Village, a retired German teacher recounted his version of events at Monte Vista High School in 1986 which he believed triggered the current controversy.

"I truly believe she is evil," Santangelo says. "Her entire agenda has been vengeance."

**T**he story goes that faculty and staff at Monte Vista High School knew when Nadia Davies was going to be in one of her moods. When she

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# Nadia Under Siege

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came to school wearing a turban, look out.

Davies began her career in the Grossmont Union High School District in 1968, teaching Spanish at Helix High, then moving to Monte Vista for the next 18 years. Her tenure ended in a bloody feud with administrators, culminating in a \$2 million lawsuit against Superintendent Bob Pyle, Monte Vista Principal Chris Bogden, vice-prin-

cipals Jerry Gordinier and Paul Martin, and guidance information specialist Jennifer Elliott.

Most of those defendants are still in East County today, but most would not comment on the events of the 1986-87 school year for fear of reprisal.

"I feel Nadia's driving force is getting even with the people who crossed her up," says Trustee June Mott, president of the GEA at the time Davies was on the GEA board representing Monte Vista. "I've never understood her attitude of superiority."

Tension between staff members grew on campus, especially between Davies and classified personnel charged with giving guidance assistance to students. In the spring of 1987, vice-principal

Martin was asked to investigate a complaint filed by guidance information specialist Jennifer Elliott.

Elliott had been administering an advance-placement Spanish exam. Guidelines do not allow the teachers to administer such tests, protecting everyone from any cloud of conflict of interest.

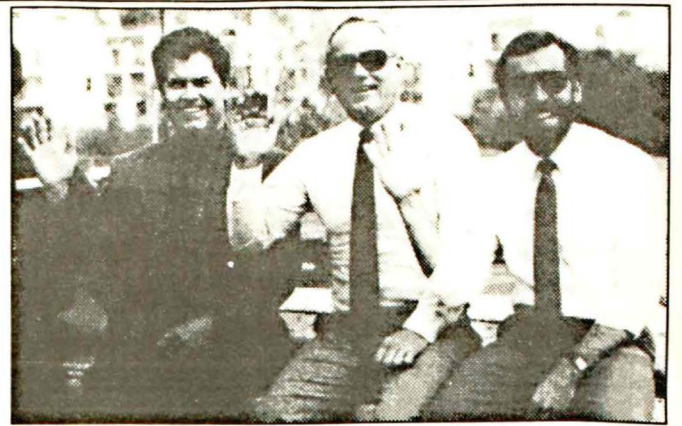
Davies interrupted the test four times that day, insisting that the students be moved to alternate classrooms she felt would be more conducive to good test results. During the third interruption, after Elliott had already moved the kids once, Davies exploded in rage in front of the class.

"We did a thorough investigation," said Martin. "I interviewed all the kids in her class. The kids were not critical of her, but they indicated the woman came in and flipped out."

Elliott filed a complaint, hoping for an apology and restoration of professional relations. Superintendent Pyle offered Davies a comparable teaching position at Valhalla High in June, 1987.

Davies filed a grievance, stating the transfer violated her contract.

All summer, the Davies wrangled about the transfer and countered with charges that the district was not only discriminating against Nadia because of her gender and ethnic background, but Monte Vista was refusing to educate minority children.



Jerry Gordinier (left), Paul Martin (center) and Chris Bogden were administrators at Monte Vista High School the year Nadia Davies was transferred.

Nadia claimed that she had suffered job-related depression due to the transfer, that she was hospitalized for two months and unable to report for work at Valhalla. Tom also sued because Nadia's distress had, in turn, caused him emotional distress.

After some \$90,000 in legal costs, the district tried to settle out of court. The Davies agreed to never darken Grossmont's door again, including a promise to never seek employment with the district or even set foot on district property without permission.

The conflicts kept coming. Tom Davies was elected to the Grossmont board two years later. The district attempted to block his taking office, citing the 1988 set-

tlement. The day San Diego Judge J. Lawrence Irving ordered Tom to resign, Nadia burst into tears, ran from the room and fainted.

An appellate court reinstated Davies to the board. He sued for attorney fees and costs. By the end of 1992, the district had spent around \$313,000 on Davies-related litigation.

Nadia says the last 10 years have cost her dearly, but her faith in her own accomplishments leaves her undaunted by the sieges.

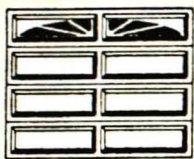
"If they do collect all the signatures against me, I hope the people of East County will select me again because I will always represent their interests," she says. "If I don't get recalled, these people are never going to leave me alone."

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